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445 12th Street SW
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Re: WC Docket No. 06-74

Dear Chairman Martin and fellow Commissioners:

In 1985, the visionary scientist, F. Buckminster Fuller, conclusively documented that there were sufficient resources available in the world for every inhabitant of the planet to enjoy a much higher standard of living. The challenge was to get the resources from where they were into the hands of those that needed them. The historic proposal by AT&T and BellSouth, as a condition of their merger, to provide low cost broadband Internet access to all residential living units in the AT&T/BellSouth service area is an exceptional example of corporate America unselfishly working to make Mr. Fuller's prediction a reality.

Work, Achievement, Values & Education (WAVE) Inc., a nonprofit group dedicated to helping underserved, at-risk children stay in school, finds the AT&T/Bell South offer compelling and we wish to register our strongest support for the proposed merger. From our perspective, the benefit of Internet access in all homes, especially for the poor, cannot be understated. Broad-based Internet access is critical to improving study skills, communicating with teachers, conducting job searches, and staying on top of current events.

We understand that AT&T, as part of the merger, has pledged that at least 30% of their new broadband build-out will be to rural, low-income housing units at affordable prices. That step alone represents a watershed step in righting the digital and economic divide that threatens the future for many students. Because of the benefits that we believe this merger will have on the communities that we serve, we at WAVE support the AT&T/BellSouth merger and hope that the Commission will vote accordingly.

Thank you so much for your time and consideration of this matter.

Sincerely,

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A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Larry Brown". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Larry Brown, President